

**BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 27, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

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| PRESENT: | Lou Ann Christensen | Mayor |
| | Jon Adams | Mayor Pro Tem |
| | Holly Bell | Councilmember |
| | Reese Jensen | Councilmember |
| | Steve Hill | Councilmember |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Mary Kate Christensen | City Recorder |
| | Nancy Green | Director of Senior Center |
| | Bruce Leonard | City Administrator |
| | Dennis Sheffield | Director of Finance |
| EXCUSED: | Alden Farr | Councilmember |

Senior Center

Ms. Green explained that something that is not reflected in her budget that may be a concern later in the year, when Blue Goose discontinues, they are still required by contract to provide transportation for those who are not going to have their needs met by UTA. This includes residents of Corinne, Mantua and Honeyville. She added that she will approach all the City Councils for funding. She requested an increase in the Blue Goose line item with the hope that it would continue. She added that she is working on several grants to get more funding. The Blue Goose may have to be under the County or City to access this funding. She is hoping she will not have to come back and ask for more money, but she may have to bring in some part-time employees to run the transportation service. Councilmember Jensen asked if this should be put in the budget now. Ms. Green said maybe she could use current staff and/or volunteers, and she is hoping to get additional funding from other cities and the County.

No changes to the Senior Center budget.

Airport

The Council did not make any changes to the Airport budget.

Shop

Councilmember Jensen asked if there is enough funding throughout the budget to cover the cost of rising fuel costs. Mr. Sheffield said all fuel is paid through the Fleet, and this line item increased from \$158,000 in 2005-06 to \$239,000. This was prepared when gas prices were about the same as they are now. He added that City employees have state gas cards, and they do not pay the price that is posted, they pay the state price which is approximately 50¢ less.

The Council asked City directors to set a goal to reduce their fuel consumption by turning off their vehicles when not occupied.

Mr. Sheffield reviewed the items on the equipment list to be purchased that are new to the fleet, not replacements. One is a 38' aerial bucket truck and the other is a mini derrick pole setter. The pole setter is under the Electric Department and will be used to set poles when it is close to homes. They currently have to dig the holes by hand because the existing equipment cannot go into people's yards, and it can take up to two days. The bucket truck is under Parks and will be used for tree trimming and to place banners on the new electric poles, which are higher than the current poles. Mayor Pro Tem Adams asked if these poles are going to be installed between 100 North and 200 South. Mayor Christensen explained that the new poles will be installed from 900 North to 1100 South. There will be the capability to have banners on all those poles in the future when the budget allows. Mayor Pro Tem Adams expressed concern that when the additional banners are purchased, this will be a lot of extra time and work on departments that are already stretched. Mayor Christensen explained that the additional banners will probably not be purchased for several years.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams asked if there were any equipment purchases that could be postponed. **Mr. Leonard said he and Mr. Sheffield will review the equipment replacement list and make any recommendations for equipment that can be postponed a year.**

Engineering

No changes to the Engineering budget.

Employee Insurance

Mr. Sheffield recommended the **Insurance Committee attend the Budget Work Session on May 1** to make their recommendation on the insurance options this year. The Council agreed.

Waste Collection

Councilmember Hill said **\$50,000** was dropped from the Waste Collection fund balance. He recommended the **Council look at restoring this, if possible, at the May 1st meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.